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Serial No. : 09/857,783 Examiner : Unknown  
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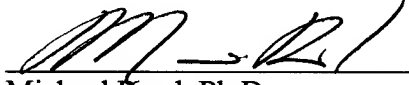
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated July 23, 2001, be extended for two months to and including November 23, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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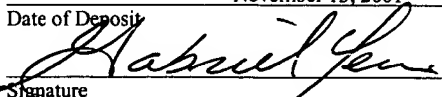
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